

MAGNIFICENT SPECIMENS FROM NEW SOUTH WALES

SEMICASSIS ANGASI Iredale

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Cassidea angasi Brazier, 1911. Shirley, *Proc. Roy. Soc. Q'land*, 23, p. 98.

Xenogalea angasi Iredale, 1927. *Rec. Austr. Mus.*, 15, p. 350, pl. 32, fig. 15.

Iredale, in 1927, figured and described the species *Cassidea angasi*, Brazier's specific name being a *nomen nudum*.

Two magnificent specimens of this rare species taken at Evans Head, New South Wales, in 12 fathoms during September, 1956, have come into my possession. The larger measures, height 49 mm., width 31 mm., and they are figured here.

Close examination reveals that *angasi* has affinity with *Semicassis* rather than *Xenogalea* as introduced by Iredale.

The denticulate outer lip, apertural features and spaced spiral lirae show relationship to *Cassis japonica* Reeve, the type species of *Semicassis* Morch, 1852, rather than with *Cassis pyrum* Lamarck, the type species of *Xenogalea* Iredale, 1927.

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Semicassis angasi Iredale.

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